

a1 for downloading application software from the center server onto the local server maintaining improved reliability.

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14, with:

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a2 Use of a wide-area network such as internet is ever spreading in recent years. Further, the widespread use of "Java" which is a network-directed program language, is requiring an increased amount of processing for downloading software from the center server onto a local server (computer, etc.) via a wide-area network.

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21, with:

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a3 Besides, in recent years, even a computer having a relatively small memory capacity, such as a built-in type local server, is requiring a mechanism for downloading application software.

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17, with:

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a4 For example, "a network management method and a system therefor" disclosed in Japanese unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 11-65968) is one in which a system based on a manager agent model specified under "M. 3010" recommended by ITU-T is furnished with a mechanism for downloading software written in Java.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, with:

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That is, in conventional remote software management systems operating via a network, the basic functions for downloading and deletion have been specified, but no consideration has been given to improving the reliability of the system, such as processing for coping with the abnormal operation of the software that is downloaded or for guaranteeing safe and reliable operation.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with

When consideration is given to software that may be further delivered via a network in the future, it becomes very necessary to maintain safety of the software that is downloaded and to cope with abnormal operation that may occur. However, no conventional system is capable of coping with the demand to a sufficient degree.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the existing claims with:

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1. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes:

an application that operates upon being downloaded onto said local server;

a script describing operation of the application; and